

ANTS GO TO BATTLE

Terrors of Their Advancing Column When on the March.

ALL ABOUT THE FIGHTERS

Every Living Thing Is Compelled to Flee Before Them or Be Speedily Overwhelmed.

It was in Honduras, near the Caribbean coast, while on a government survey, says a correspondent of the Omaha World-Herald, that I first saw the warrior ants—those strange insects which march through the tropical forests in armies, attacking every living creature in their path. One intensely hot day, as I sat in a hammock under the thatched roof of my bamboo hut, a native came running in, and, with excited gestures, bade me follow him. I did so wonderingly, and, going out into the open, looked in the direction he indicated. There on the rolling savannah stretched a wide black belt extending far back into the deep shadows of the adjacent forest. It rose and fell with every formation of the ground, and, like a huge snake, slowly crept toward the village. "The warrior ants," explained the native in a strange patois of English and Spanish which I shall not attempt to imitate. "They will soon be here," he continued. "You had better while your dogs or the ants will kill them." Acting upon his advice, I loosened my dogs, and, retiring to a safe distance, watched the approach of the warriors. In countless multitudes they swarmed over the plain, marching in compact order like a well-drilled army. Before them scurried a heterogeneous mass of lizards, grasshoppers, frogs, beetles and other manner of insects and reptiles, in a wild scamper to reach a place of safety.

Presently the advance guard reached my hut and disappeared within; then the main column appeared, and soon the roof, floor, walls and rafters were black with them. Like the soft rustle of dried grass stirred by a gentle breeze came the sound of their presence in the leaves of my thatched roof. The sound increased in loudness as the rats, mice, lizards, cockroaches, centipedes and others their ilk, who had long made the roof of their home, tried vainly to escape. Some succeeded in getting away from the house, but only to fall victims to the surrounding hordes without. One large cockroach, I noticed, made a plucky fight, but, overpowered by numbers, he gradually relaxed his efforts and was soon dismembered, each ant carrying off a portion of his body as a trophy.

The most exciting battle was with a snake about three feet long, that tried to slip away unseen. The ants quickly surrounded him, however, and fought with terrible ferocity. With every switch of his tail the snake killed a score of his tormentors, but their places were soon filled by the black swarm which swept up ceaselessly on. Finally the writhings of the snake became fainter and fainter, and at last ceased entirely, and then, not until then, did the ants relinquish their attack. All day long they marched through the house until at sundown the end of the column had passed and was lost to view in the thickness of the forest. I entered the house and prepared to survey ruefully my ladder, but my anticipations of sorrow were premature, for there were all my provisions as I had left them, untouched. There was but one exception—a poor turkey which I had tied to a stake that morning, intending to keep him alive for a few days before making him into soup. He was stone dead, but the rampled earth about him showed that he had made a hard fight for life. Not a dead ant was to be seen, they had all been carried off by their comrades. I afterward learned that the warrior ants refuse to touch any food that they themselves have not caught and slain, which accounted for my provisions remaining unharmed. I was overjoyed at the change in my home—not a cockroach, lizard or any other insect or reptile was left; they had been completely exterminated.

BENGALESE SUPERSTITIONS.

Gleanings from a Report of the Bombay Anthropological Society.

Some curious facts concerning superstitions among the Bengalese have recently been made public in the annual report of the Bombay Anthropological society. From the paper mentioned the following oddities have been gleaned. Shouting the name of the king of birds (garuda) drives away snakes. Shouting "Ram! Ram!" drives away ghosts. Cholera that attacks on Monday or Saturday always proves fatal; cholera that attacks on Thursday never ends fatally. The lowering of the bamboo means famine. In fanning, if the fan strikes the body it should be instantly knocked three times against the ground. When giving a man the river and receiver should both be on the same side of the threshold. It is bad to pick one's teeth with the nails. If a snake be killed it should immediately be burned, for all serpents that are so unwise as to permit of having their lives taken are inhabited by the souls of Brahmins, which hope thus to escape and work mischief. The words "snake" and "tiger" should never be used after nightfall. Call them "creepers" and "insects." Never awaken a sleeping physician. Morning dreams always come true.

The Flag of the Navy.

The title admiral is a modification of a Latin word, signifying commander. In the sense of a naval commander it was introduced into Europe by the Venetians in the fourteenth century. The English lord high admiral has the government of the navy. The admiral of the fleet is the next highest officer, the vice admiral and the rear admiral follow. The admiral's flag is displayed at the main top-gallant-mast head, the vice admiral's at the fore-top-gallant-mast head, and the rear admiral's at the mizen-top-gallant-mast head.

A Good Medicine.

Fanny (learning her lesson)—Ma, what is an unknown quantity?
Ma: What you get in a berry box.
Topsy (sitting).

The guaranteed cure for all headaches is Dr. J. C. Williams' Brain and Nerve Tonic.

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WILL GO IN A HURRY AT THESE GREAT REDUCTIONS.

Dress Goods, retailing at 25c and 30c a yard, to 15c and 16c a yard.

36 inch Henriettas, fine twills, mixtures selling at 35c and 40c to 23c a yard.

All wool Serges, Henriettas, Cheviots, Suitings, 50c and 65c to 36c a yard.

Scores of handsome weaves, ranging in price up to \$1.00, reduced to 65c a yard.

Novelty Suitings, fancy mixtures, fine wool camel's hair suitings, ranging in price \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2, reduced to 73c a yard.

Fine broadcloths, black and colored, \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities, will go at 79c a yard.

54 inch all wool flannels, newest shades, worth up to 75c a yard, reduced to 42c a yard.

Pattern suits, comprising the very newest effects, will be greatly reduced to close the line.

Hundreds of elegant weaves and colorings will be brought forward and sacrificed in price.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Fine twill weaves, worth 30c and 35c, reduced to 17½c a yard.

Henriettas and all black dress goods, ranging in price 40c and 45c, go at 25c a yard.

50c to 65c fabrics reduced to 36c a yard.

85c and \$1.00 weaves in armures, cords, Jacquards, reduced to 49c a yard.

46 inch fine twill imperials worth \$1.00, reduced to 69c a yard.

Railway cords, drap de almas, storm serges, Melrose cloth, wool fabrics, in scores of weaves, very finest fabrics, worth \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75, all reduced to one price for this sale, 98c a yard.

SILKS

WILL BE SACRIFICED IN PRICE. DOWN THEY GO.

Silks, ranging in price 50c, 60c, 65c, reduced to 37c yd. Silks, ranging in value 65c to 75c, all go at 49c a yard.

Black Silks, retailing at regular price 75c, 85c and \$1.00, down they go to 59c a yard.

85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality silks go at 69c a yard.

Elegant satin duchesse, gros grain, satin rhadame, changeable de chennes, figured novelties, worth regularly \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, including scores of other weaves reduced to 97c a yard.

Velvets in newest coloring at greatly reduced prices. 1 lot black silk velvet at 29c a yard. 1 lot at 49c a yd.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

NEVER HAS AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF TO PURCHASE WINTER GARMENTS SO DECIDEDLY CHEAP.

VALUES ARE NOT CONSIDERED WHEN THE OBJECT, VIZ., TO REDUCE STOCK, IS THE POINT IN VIEW.

Ladies' elegantly trimmed garments, or plain effects, mixed cheviots all in one lot at \$4.98 fur choice, reduced from \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Ladies' jackets, Worth collar, fur faced or fur edged, worth \$12 to \$16, reduced to \$7.50 for choice.

Ladies' Jackets in black, navy, brown, elegant materials, value \$16 to \$25, reduced to \$8.95.

Ladies' fur military capes, \$25 value, reduced to \$13.95.

Ladies' elegant plush sacques reduced from \$20 to \$12.50.

Ladies' plush capes, \$25 value, reduced to \$13.95.

Astrachan Jackets, \$50 is the regular price, reduced to \$29.00.

Ladies' and Misses' newmarkets at extremely reduced prices.

Children's jackets for school wear reduced to 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.49.

Children's cloaks reduced \$1.49, \$1.75, \$2.50, splendid values.

Calico wrappers, new patterns reduced to 69c from \$1.25.

Wool henrietta wrappers in new colorings, \$5 values, go at \$2.98 for choice at this great sale.

Big Doings This Week, but These are the Times for Big Things.
Little Prices Mean Big Values.

HOSIERY.

Ladies' all wool hose are still going at 17c a pair for 25c quality.

23c a pair for ladies' and misses' all wool ribbed hose, worth 40c.

50c, 60c and 65c quality fine hosiery reduced to 37½c a pair.

Ladies' pure silk hosiery, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, will go at 79c a pair.

Fancy hosiery, beautiful colors, at extremely reduced prices.

Ladies' hose, retailing at 12½c, 15c and 18c a pair, reduced to 8c, 10c and 12½c pair.

Children's and Misses' wool hosiery, splendid sellers, at 40c this week, reduced to 23c a pair.

Children's hosiery, silk heel and toe, worth 25c and 35c, reduced to 19c a pair.

Men's wool hose reduced from 25c to 19c a pair.

UNDERWEAR.

1 lot of ladies' ribbed vests and drawers will be cut in price to 25c each. Ladies' fine ribbed underwear, selling all over at 75c, reduced to 43c a garment. Ladies' natural wool ribbed vests and drawers, worth \$1.00, at 79c each. Ladies' non-shrinking wool underwear, pants and vests, good value at \$1.25, will be sacrificed at 89c each.

Ladies' combination suits, special values, cut from 75c to 46c for suit.

Ladies' combination suits, sold at \$1.00, reduced to 60c.

Special lot of children's ribbed vests and pants, worth 25c to 30c, reduced to 10c and 12½c each.

Children's merino vests and pants, values ranging in price 50c, 55c and 60c, reduced to one price, 25c for choice.

Gents' extra quality underwear, worth up to 75c, reduced to 39c.

Gents' undershirts and drawers, elegant values, reduced to 49c each.

Gents' underwear, worth \$1.00 to \$1.25, will go at 83c each.

Boys' top shirts reduced to 47c each.

Gents' overshirts, sold elsewhere at 75c, reduced to 40c.

Gents' overshirts, splendid values at \$1.35, reduced to 79c.

A Sale That Will Save Dimes, Quarters and Dollars.

FURS

WILL BE UNMERCIFULLY ATTACKED WITH THE PRICE CUTTING WEAPON.

French hare muffs reduced to 25c and 50c.

Fine money muffs at extremely reduced prices at 75c, 98c and \$1.19.

Electric seal muffs, extra qualities, reduced to \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50, values on these goods being much more at regular retail prices.

Opossum muffs, two extra qualities, at 1.50 and 2.39.

Children's furs of all kinds will be greatly reduced to reduce the immense stock.

59c a yard for fur trimmings of various kinds ranging in price 1.50 to 2.00.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

ELEGANT MADE GARMENTS, LOCK STITCHED, TRIMMED AND FINISHED.

Corset covers reduced to 9c, 10c, 12½c, up to 25c each.

Ladies' muslin drawers will go at 23c, 25c, 28c and 35c.

Ladies' chemises reduced to 47c, 63c and 73c.

Ladies' night dresses reduced to 47c, 59c, 63c and 69c.

Ladies' wool skirts, saten skirts, brillianten skirts and outing flannel skirts all go at reduced prices.

LINENS, ETC.

100 dozen extra quality Damask towels, knotted fringe all white or colored borders, considered big values at 40c and 50c, during this sale they go at 25c each.

Extra values in huck and Barnaby towels at 10c, 12½c and 15c.

All linen glass towels at 3c each.

Turkey red damask, fast colors, 12½c, 19c, 25c and 39c a yard.

Loom damask, colored bordered, reduced from 35c to 25c a yard.

Bleached damask, pure linen, reduced to 29c a yard, worth 45c.

All 1.00 quality bleached damask reduced to 75c a yard.

All 1.25 and 1.50 quality bleached damask reduced to 98c and 1.19 a yard. Napkins to match at reduced prices.

6-4 Chenille covers from 2.00 to 1.29.

9-4 unbleached sheeting reduced to 12½c a yard.

Pillow case cottons, all grades, ranging in price 9c to 18c a yard.

Apron gingham, full assortment, reduced to 5c yard.

Lonsdale and Fruit of the Loom muslin reduced to 7½c a yard.

PRINTS, ETC.

Turkey red prints reduced to 5c a yard.

Standard prints all reduced to 3½c a yard.

Outing flannels reduced to 5c, 7½c and 9c a yard.

Lonsdale cambric reduced from 12½c to 9½c a yard.

Comforters reduced to 39c, 50c and 75c each.

Extra values in saten comforters at 1.00 and 1.50 value.

Blankets at 50c, 75c, 98c, 1.50 a pair. All better grades at greatly reduced prices.

200 dozen ladies' white hemstitched handkerchiefs at 3c each.

100 dozen ladies' initial handkerchiefs at 4c, regular price 10c.

500 dozen embroidered handkerchiefs, worth 12½c, 15c and 18c, reduced to 9c each.

No. 16 and No. 22 all silk ribbons reduced to 12½c yd.

Stamped linens, great varieties, at 15c, 20c and 35c.

Infant's wear department offers extraordinary values.

One lot infant's dresses, reduced from 4.00 and 6.00, at 1.98.

Embroidered flannels at 64, 69, 79, 85 and 98c a yard.

Infant's bonnets at 23c.

A Sale That Every Economist Should Attend.

The schedule of prices mentioned above will tell you at a glance the amount of money saved on every article or material material from prices prevailing elsewhere. SPECIAL.—Out of town customers will find our mail order system a great advantage. Goods purchased during this great sale expressed free to any part of the state.

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